GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:546
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UPGRADATION OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had set up any expert group to assess the suitability and problems of transformation of the seven Institutions shortlisted for upgradation to the level of IITs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the expert group has since submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the further action taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 546 FOR 23.05.2006 ASKED BY SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH REGARDING UPGRADATION OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

The Government of India constituted an Expert Committee comprising of Prof. M. Anandakrishnan, Prof. D.V. Singh and Prof. Amitabha Ghosh to examine the Vision Documents submitted by the seven Institutes identified for upgradation and suggest a Plan of Action for upgrading the identified Institutes to the level of IITs.

The Expert Committee proposed establishment of a system of Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEST) as Institutes of National Importance through an Act of Parliament. Five institutions have been recommended for transformation into IIEST based on the feasibility of their transformation into unitary and autonomous institutions. These five Institutions are: -

1. Bengal Engineering & Science University
2. Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University
3. Cochin University of Science and Technology
4. Andhra University, College of Engineering
5. Osmania University College of Engineering and University College of Technology

The following two Institutions have been recommended for one time support: -

1. Engineering & Technology Faculty of Jadavpur University
2. Zakir Hussain College of engineering & Technology, Aligarh Muslim University.

The Expert Committee has also recommended that admission to IIEST should be on an all India basis. The Committee has also spelt in detail the requirement of funds for upgrading these Institutes. In order to start the process of upgradation the Government has allocated some funds for these Institutes for the year 2006-07 through the University Grants Commission.